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MEMORANDUM

To:

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From:

C. A. Phillips CAP

Date:

August 2, 2012

Subject:

Apprentice Miner Certification

The question has arisen as to how long an individual can continue to work on an expired apprentice miner certification (04 or 05) if they have not obtained the required 108 shifts and six months experience.

According to W. Va. Code of State Rules §48-2-2.7(c), §48-3-2.7(c) and W. Va. Code §22A-8-5, once the card has expired and as long as the training (employment) is continuous he/she could work up to eight months or until he/she obtains the required time to test for a permanent miner certification(06 or 07), whichever is less, before being required to test to renew the apprentice miner certification.

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